



Commission on Veterans Affairs



MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Wayne Miller, Chair – Bob Koffman, Vice-Chair

Via ZOOM

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5:50 Gathering and Greet

6:00 Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence & POW/MIA Remembrance, Approval October 2023 Meeting Minutes – Wayne Miller, Chair

6:15 Veteran Homelessness in Montgomery County – John Mendez, Executive Director, Bethesda Cares, Inc.

6:45 Montgomery College TRiO Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) i Postsecondary Services to Veterans residing in Montgomery County – Beverly Coleman, Director *TRiO* Educational Opportunity Center <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/educational-opportunity-center>

7:00 Discussion on Encouraging Younger Veterans to Get Involved in Veteran Service Organizations

7:05 Recap on Operation Green Light – Ideas for Ride on Bus for next year

7:10 Chair and Vice Chair Report

7:15 Updates from Commissioners

7:30 Adjourn

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Duties of the Commission on Veterans Affairs

The Commission duties include:

1. research, assemble, analyze and disseminate information and educational materials relating to activities and programs that will assist in meeting the needs of veterans and their families;
2. institute and conduct educational and other programs, meetings, and conferences to promote the rights and opportunities for veterans;
3. advise the Executive and the Council on the status of programs and services in the State and County related to the needs of veterans and their families; and
4. assist in planning appropriate public acknowledgement of the contributions made by veterans and assist in planning commemoration activities recognizing the contributions made by veterans.